

ceived from, or discounted with, the persons liable to pay the said taxes in the respective years in which such taxes were payable, and that such certificates were not directly or indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or for any of them, by such collector, or by any other person for him; and that no collector shall have a credit for any certificates suggested to be received after the said sixth day of December aforesaid, for the taxes aforesaid, unless he shall return two lists of all the certificates for which he shall request a credit, with their numbers, dates and sums, and the names of the persons from whom received, and make oath, to be administered by either of the treasurers, to be entered on said list, that the certificates mentioned in such list, and requested to be allowed such collector, were, since the said sixth day of December aforesaid, actually, really and truly, and without any deceit or fraud, received in payment of the assessment due on the property in his county in the years aforesaid, and from the person named in such list, except only change, if any given on the receipt of the said certificates, in which case he gave certificates in change as far as in his power, and money only for the balance; and that such certificates were not directly or indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or for any of them, by such collector, or by any other person for him.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Pattison.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to provide a compensation for certain public services; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Thomas Stone, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting collectors of the tax, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1786: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

ORDERED, That the said resolution be published in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Journal.

Mr. F. Bowie, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

## T H U R S D A Y, December 7, 1786.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Gibson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Nicholls appeared in the house. Mr. Gillis Polk, a delegate returned for Somerset county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

The report on the petition of William Kirby, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Joshua Seney and Mr. De Butts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Roger Horace Pratt, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, and praying to be relieved, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

YOUR committee, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Beatty, of Frederick county, respecting his appointment of the collection of the arrears due to Christopher Edelen, deceased, late collector of said county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject matter thereof into consideration, and are of opinion that the facts therein contained are true, and that a law ought to pass to repeal the act, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Beatty to collect the arrearages of taxes due to the estate of Christopher Edelen, late of said county, deceased, as collector of the said county for the year therein mentioned; and that a law ought to pass, to empower the securities of the said Christopher Edelen, deceased, and the administrator of said estate, in conjunction, to complete the arrearages of said collection on the best terms they can, and be allowed a reasonable time for that purpose. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Faw and Mr. Mantz, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Joshua Seney brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to vest in Isaac Spencer of Kent county, and Benjamin Roberts of Queen-Anne's county, an estate in certain lands therein mentioned, as tenants in common in fee-simple, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. W. Bowie.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery, Frederick and Washington counties, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Paca, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act relating to replevins; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.